

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 530

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Charlie Baker upon his victories in the 2011 National Senior Olympics.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as exemplary athletes of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Charlie Baker, who participated in several events at the 2011 National Senior Olympics in Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the competition hosted approximately 12,000 participants and included a variety of categories, including swimming, softball, basketball, horseshoes, and table tennis; and

WHEREAS, one of the largest events in the competition was the track and field event, in which Mr. Baker participated, and although he pulled his hamstring shortly before running the 100 meter final, he still managed to place fourth in the event; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the competition, Charlie Baker won five medals: two gold medals in the 400 meter event and the 4 x 100 meter relay, two silver medals in the high jump and 200 meter events, and a bronze medal in the long jump event; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker said the best part of the competition was being able to see old friends from across the country and having the opportunity to make new friends; and

WHEREAS, Charlie felt blessed to be able to take part in the competition at the age of eighty-five and said that, typically, while fathers have the opportunity to see their children play a sport, it's a rare occasion when a child can watch his father in a sporting event; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker's son, Chuck, took a week off from work to come to Houston and see Charlie participate, making the Senior Olympics all the more special for Charlie and further strengthening the familial bonds between father and son; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Baker's determination and vitality in the Senior Olympics are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Baker for his stellar achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Charlie Baker upon his outstanding victories in the 2011 National Senior Olympics, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.